



法のともしび LIGHT OF THE DHARMA

NOTICE TO MEMBERS:

We are again conducting services in person as well as per ZOOM.

Please contact Sensei for links.

REGULAR SCHEDULE

ENGLISH SERVICES
Sundays 10:00am

JAPANESE SERVICES
Sundays 11:30am

SEIZA MEDITATION
Thursdays 7:30pm

MORNING MEDITATION
Fridays 10:00am

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday October 2nd
10am Shotsuki Service
11:30am Japanese Service
Sunday October 9th
Noon - KEIROKAI
Monday October 10th
7pm SBT Board Meeting
Sunday November 6th
10am Shotsuki Service
11:30am Japanese Service

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the Steveston
Buddhist Temple

Genevra Cavanaugh
Dana Dardis
Michael Martin

We are very happy that you have become members of the Temple and hope that you will be able to enjoy the variety of activities this temple offers.

FUJINKAI TOBAN 3

Contact: June Ikuta
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The Nembutsu Path

On the weekend of September 17th and 18th, our temple hosted the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples Federation Convention. It was the first time in three years that an in-person convention was organized. The theme for the convention was "Paths" and Rev. Dr. Roland Ikuta, my older brother, was our guest minister for the weekend. Rev. Roland was fresh from completing his Kyoshi ordination training at the Jodo Shinshu Center in Berkeley, California in August. This was his first speaking engagement as a Kyoshi minister. I must say that he did a wonderful job over the whole weekend and it was nice having him here, though also a little odd having another Ikuta, other than my father up in the Onaijin with me. For the services on both Saturday and Sunday, we had two Akune brothers and two Ikuta brothers up in the Onaijin.



On Saturday morning, Roland Sensei gave an in depth talk on the "Nembutsu Path". The talk was both informative and personal as he spoke about the Pure Land Buddhist Tradition touching on the teachings of the 7 patriarchs of the Jodo Shinshu teachings as well as the "Path of Shinran Shonin's life" and concluding with a sharing of his own personal path to reaching where he was on his own spiritual journey. Following the lecture, the convention attendees broke into two workshops with about half of the

group learning the "Path of Buddhist Calligraphy" led by Socho Tatsuya Aoki and the other half learning about the "Path of Buddhist Flower Arrangement" by Roy Akune Sensei. This rounded out the morning events.

For lunch, the Fujinkai ladies prepared a tasty soup and sandwich spread in the multipurpose room at Wisteria Place. The new facility is a nice upgrade from having social gatherings in the old gym. With the theme for the convention being "Paths", we thought it was appropriate to have a local angle to the theme and a guided walking tour of Steveston was organized. Mr. Don Mukai gave an enthusiastic tour of Steveston starting at the Murakami House at Britannia Shipyards and ending up at the Nikkei Museum on 1st Ave, with stops at the Kishi Boat works, the Nikkei Fishermen's Memorial and the Nikkei Internment Memorial Park along the way. Those who participated on the tour were surprised and impressed with the amount of historical sites pertaining to the Japanese Canadian culture existing in such a small area.



The "Path" theme was also important as we wanted to incorporate our collective "Nikkei Path" as a part of the weekend activity to recognize the 80th anniversary of the incarceration of the Japanese-Canadians at the outbreak of WWII in 1942. For our banquet speaker on Saturday evening, Roy Akune Sensei gave a presentation on the difficulties encountered by Jodo Shinshu followers during the War. He also brought up the fact that there were some positive outcomes that came out of such a negative experience. He mentioned how his father became a devout follower of Jodo Shinshu Buddhist because of his encounter in Raymond, Alberta. Perhaps, such an encounter would not have happened without the forced relocation. (Continued on p2)



FUJINKAI NEWS

Hiroko Yoshihara

Toban 3 with June Ikuta as contact will look after Fujinkai tasks from October to the end of January 2023.

We will be having our semi annual meeting on Sunday, September 25. Looking to the future, one item on the agenda will be increasing the number of members in the tobans. We hope that the younger Fujinkai members will join.

Decluttering continues with another outdoor garage sale on Saturday, September 24. The weather forecast looks promising so we hope to make some money and to make more space in our storage room and kitchen. We appreciate the support from people who live near the temple and our helpers.

It is anticipated that we will be making manju to sell after Shotsuki services

Moe No Kai

Keiko Go

Our first Moe No Kai after the summer break started on Thursday, Sept.22nd. We had a wonderful morning playing charades and we also sang "If you are happy and you know it" in Japanese. Both playing charades and singing loud stimulates seniors to stay happy and healthy. Our next gathering will be on Thursday, Oct. 20th at 10am. We are planning to do something related to the Fall. Please join us with your friends and I hope to see you all once again next month.

Happy 80th Birthday Elmer!!

On September 8th, I was invited to a surprise 80th Birthday party for Elmer Morishita. Congratulations Elmer and hope you have many more. Picture with Elmer and his wife Sofi.



OBITUARY



We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family members of the following deceased:

Yoshiko Koyanagi	August 1, 2022	90 Years Old
Shinji Shiozaki	August 23, 2022	93 Years Old
Masako Shiozaki	August 29, 2022	94 Years Old
Kayoko Yamamoto	Sept.10, 2022	93 Years Old

International Day of Peace

The International Day of Peace is observed around the world on September 21 and it was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. Two decades later in 2001, the General Assembly unanimously voted to designate the Day as a period of non-violence and cease fire. This is year, Steveston Buddhist Temple celebrated this day by ringing the kansho-bell by seniors from Wisteria Place. We will continue this gesture next year again.

Hello Dharma School families,

Hope you all had a wonderful summer break! We are looking forward to seeing you all soon!

We will be meeting once a month on Sundays at 10:00 am at the Temple. For October and February, we will meet later in the day at an alternate location for two outings! For our October date, we were planning to go to the Halloween Train at Stanley Park. Unfortunately, we just found out the trains won't be running for Halloween. We will arrange a different outing and update you once we know where we will be going.

Here are the dates for this year:

- October 30th – afternoon – Outing to be determined.
- November 27th – 10:00 am – Wisteria visit?
- December 18th – 10:00 am – Bodhi Day Party
- January 29th – 10:00 am – Resolutions
- February 26th – afternoon? - Outing (Skating, Bowling?)
- March 26th - 10:00 am - Cooking
- April 16th - 10:00 am - Hanamatsuri
- May 28th - 10:00 am - Gardening
- June 18th - 10:00 am – Father's Day activity

Please mark down the above Sundays and join us for Kids Sangha.

(Nembutsu Path from p1_

The Convention weekend came to a close on Sunday with the AGM for the federation, followed by the Memorial service, remembering loved ones lost throughout the past year. Roland Sensei gave a moving Dharma message concluding with how the Nembutsu Path ultimately leads us to a Path of Deep Gratitude in receiving the Dharma of Amida Buddha.



Although the overall number of participants was relatively low, for the first BCJSBTF convention coming out of the pandemic, it was a meaningful and successful weekend. None of this would have been possible without the assistance and hard work of our core group of volunteers. Thank you to all who helped organize and coordinate the weekend. Thank you to the senseis and the various speakers and thank you to the participants without whom we wouldn't have a convention. The best thing about the weekend was just to be able to gather again in person and to hear the chanting voice of Namo Amida Butsu filling our Hondo.

In Gassho, Grant Ikuta



DONATIONS & Memberships

The Steveston Buddhist Temple sincerely appreciates and thanks the following for their generous donations: All donations deposited after September 23, 2022 will be announced in the next newsletter. Any donations with notations stating that they are in memory of several individuals, these names will be acknowledged in the month that the cheque was deposited. If you wish to have the donations acknowledged in the newsletter corresponding with a particular Shotsuki month, we ask that you make donations during that actual Shotsuki memorial month. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

最近一年を通じた法要と祥月御懇志を小切手にて一括で送られてくるケースが多くなりました。その場合は入金されたその月のニュースレターにまとめてお報せ致しますのでご了承下さいませ。尚、祥月御懇志袋上に差出人のお名前、ご住所の他、どの月の祥月御懇志もお忘れなく記載して下さいませ。有難うございました。

General Donation(\$3518.54) Dardis Dana, Doi Terri, Elliot David, Fraser Valley Buddhist Temple, Hashimoto Junichi & Atsumi, Ikuta Teruko, Inoue Masayasu & Masako, Kawamoto Mary, Kurita Yoshie, Matsushita Kazuhiro, Morishita Elmer, Oda Jennifer, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Sakamoto Aiko, Sakamoto Bud, Watanabe Keiko, Yoshihara Ken & Hiroko

Naijin Flowers: King Hiroko

Wedding celebration: Feng Wei & Alicia

Convention Donation: Akune Ted & Rose, Bishop Lorna, Cameron Hu & Mari, Chor Greg, Hamanishi Frank & Patricia, Rev. Hirano Naoki, Ikuta Kuni & June, Ikuta Teruko, Kent Barb, Maruno Maya, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Natsuhara Kari, Nishi Kayoko, North Lori, Ohashi Phylliss, Ryan Larry & Jeanne, Shikaze Naomi, Whittier Maya, Yoshioka Lucy

88 years old Beiju celebration for Mr. Mitts Sakai: Sakai Mitts & Kay

Shotsuki Services (\$2395) September: Akizuki Eiko, Akune Roy & Itoko, Chan Rob & Elsie, Esson Karen, Guy R&G, Hamaura Misaye, Hirose Mary, Ikeda Naoe, Inouye Mike, John Fred & Annie, Kakehi Tomoko, Katai Ed & Kay, Kawabata Jack, Kawabata Mitsuyo, Kawasaki-Chan Sharon, Kimura George, Kojima Jim, Lum George & Hitomi, Maede Toyoko, Mizuta Harry, Mori Koji & Judith, Murao Allan & Debra, Murao Lila, Murao Mary, Murao Tom, Nakano S., Nakatsuru Sherry, Niguma Kazuko, Nishi Kayoko, Okamoto K., Quan Toshiko, Reynolds Rose, Sakai Mitsuka, Sakai Mitts & Kay, Sakai Tomiko, Sakamoto Bud, Sakata Hozumi, Samehsima Yoshiko, Shiozaki Shinji & Masako, Shiyoji Gail, Shiyoji Ryan, Tabata Hajime, Tabata Sumiko, Tabata Tosh, Teraguchi Jean, Teramura Ken & Pauline, Tsumura Joann, Ueyeyama Tom, Yoshida Dave & Arlene August : Kimura George

Obon Tour (\$550): Hamaura Misaye, Kumagai Tetsuo & Noriko, Mizushima Tatsutoki & Karen, Tsukijima Judy, Yokota Carl

Obon Service (\$30): Takizawa Yasuo, Tanaka Emiko

Funerals & Memorial Services (\$2790): In memory of the late:

Mr. Terry Beresford: Chow Suezone & Nobu, King Hiroko, Nakagawa Gayle, Regan Naomi-Ann

Mr. Tim Beresford: Domai Kiyoo

Mr. Masami Hirano: Hibi Mika, Fukawa Stanley & Masako, Minato Akiko, Ikuta Kuni & June, King Hiroko, Kondo Kaoru, Maede Toyoko, Nishi Chizuko, Okabe Mary, Tani Kiyoshi & Mutsumi, Yamasaki Yoko

Mrs. Yoshiko Koyanagi: Koyanagi Bruce, Ikuta Kuni & June, John Annie & Fred, Koyanagi Kazuko, Kurokawa Lucille, Lum George & Hitomi, Maede Toyoko, Mori Kahoru, Mori Koji & Judith, Morishita Dennis & Linda, Murao Ray, Nishi Chizuko, Sakai Mitsuka, Nitta Miyuki Family, Sangelo Diane, Sangelo Christopher, Sangelo Michael, Tsumura Joann, SBTWA

Mrs. Sayoko Nagata: Dahl Debbie, Miyazaki Patti, Tasaka Donald & Sharon, Tasaka Kaz & Chic

49th day service of Mrs. Sayoko Nagata: Tomihiro Kazuko

Mrs. Miyeko Tabata: Hamada Satsohi & June, Ikuta Kuni & June, Murao Ray, Steveston Kendo Club

Celebration of Life of Mr. Terry Sakai: Tomihiro Kazuko

Celebration of Life of Jean Sakamoto: Sakamoto Umeno, Higo Kay, Kawamoto Hiroko, Morimoto A., Morimoto John

Mother Setsue Kondo: Nishi Yoko

Mr. Gerry Yamaoka: Sameshima Raymond & Famey

Mrs. Michiko Tanigami: Ikuta Kuni & June

Mr. John Hayashi and his wife Yoshiko Margaret Hayashi: Tasaka Donald & Sharon

Mrs. Setsuko Yamashita: Teraguchi Jean

Memory of late sister Hisako Shikaze 8th year: Koyanagi Susie, Tomihiro Kazuko

13th year memorial of the late Mr. George Koyanagi: Tomihiro Kazuko
Memory of late Father 43rd year & Mother 42nd year Tomihiro of Toronto: Tomihiro Kazuko

Membership paid 2022: Ang Francis, Akizuki Casey, Inouye Mike & Masako, Kasbekar Durgesh, Saito Tokiko, Matsuo David, Shimizu Masako, Yamamoto Kevin, Yamashita Muneichi & Kazuko, Yukawa Joe & Sally

OCTOBER 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Arakawa-Galli, Antonio	Inoue, Miyo	Kondo, Toshio	Nakatani, Masue	Omori, Aiko	Tanigami, Moriharu
Asano, Hisako	Inouye, Yoshiko	Koyanagi, Shizu	Nakatsuka, Takasada	Onouye, Kazuko	Taniguchi, Yone
Asari, Some	Ikuta, Shinjo	Matsumura, Shizuko	Natsuhara, Toyo	Ooka, Masahiro "Tony"	Tasaka, Hatsue
Asari, Yoshio	Ishida, Fumiko	Matsumoto, Yoshiko	Nakatsuru, Hideko	Saeki, Takekichi	Teranishi, Shigeo
Ayukawa, Michiko	Kakehi, Emiko	Matsuo, Neil	Nishi, Iyoko	Sakai, Lillian	Yamamoto, Aiko
Hall, Junko	Kamachi, Shoji	Miyazaki, Takaaki	Nishi, Riseko Rosie	Sakai, Sumi	Yamamoto, Yone
Hamaguchi, Yoshiko	Kamachi, Masao	Mizuguchi, Tadashi	Nishi, Tsunezo	Sameshima, Eizo	Yoshida, Yasuichi
Hamanishi, Kiyoshi	Karino, Yuriko	Mizuguchi, Yukio	Nishii, Yoshinosuke	Sameshima, Noriko	Yoshida, Yutaka
Hamanishi, Masayo	Kariya, Masue	Mori, Isamu	Nishikihama, Keizo	Shiozaki, Kiyomi	
Hikida, Akira	Kariya, Tsuruko	Mukai, Fusako	Niwatsukino, Tokichi	Shiyoji, Noboru	
Hori, Masae	Kimura, Genjiro	Murao, Yoichi	Niwatsukino, Shigeru	Suzuki, Aiko	
Imai, Fusao	Kishiuchi, Shigekazu	Nakane, Risa	Nomura, Fuyumi	Takeuchi, Margaret	
	Kokubo, Nobu	Nakano, Kazuo	Nomura, Masao	Tanaka, Takao	

NOVEMBER 2022 MEMORIAL SERVICE (Please bring your "Homyo".)

Asari, Yasuko	Kariya, Iwajiro	Morimoto, Shigekazu	Nishi, Henry	Sato, Yuriko	Yamamoto, Yaeko
Atagi, Hisao	Kawamoto, Kaoru	Morishita, Kevin	Nishii, Kichiji	Tamayose, Wataru	Yamanaka, Mitsuhiro
Furukawa, Yoshiko	Kawano, Hideo	Hitoshi	Nitta, Hiromu	Tasaka, Hiromi	Yamanaka, Yoshie
Haya, Tetsuo	Kawase, Sato	Morishita, Roy	Ohara, Nobuo	Takasaki, Chizu	Yoshida, Tori
Hikita, Koji	Kokubo, Eiko	Murao, Kazuji	Okino, Naoichi	Takasaki, Yukinori	Yoshida, Yasumatsu
Hikita, Tamizo	Kuriyama, Masaji	Murao, Katsujiro	Okuyama, Yasue	Takenaka, Hideno	
Hirota, Kikuyo	Matsuba, Edith Ayako	Murao, Masako	Otabe, Michiko	Teraguchi, Tobe	
Hori, Masakazu	Miyazaki, Shizue	Nagasawa, Minoru	Oura, Yoshikazu	Teramura, Tokutaro	
Hori, Ayako	Miyazaki, Toru	Nakano, Toshio	Sakai, Yoneichi	Uyeda, Yoshihiko	
Hori, Matsuye	Mizuguchi, Peggy	Nishi, Akiko	Sakiyama, Allan	Yamaguchi, Mamoru	
Imada, Kimiyo	Mori, Yoshimi	Nishi, Kichijiro	Sawada, Katsuko	Yamamoto, Ayako	

World War II - Its Effect on Jodo Shinshu Buddhists

On September 17 and 18, the BC Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Federation Annual Convention was held in Steveston. This year's Convention was subsidised financially by the BC Provincial Government Japanese Canadian Wellness Fund to mark the 80th year Anniversary of the Internment of the Japanese Canadians.

In recognition of this anniversary, I was asked to speak about the impact it had on Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. This speaking engagement was an opportunity for me to recollect my own experiences, do some research and gain a better understanding, particularly as it affected Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. I was born on March 20, 1936 in Steveston and was concluding my kindergarten class on Chatham Street when in late March I was forcibly relocated with my family to Picture Butte, Alberta. Indeed it was traumatic. I was only six but I do remember some of the family experiences and recall the stories told by my parents.

To begin, I referenced the text, *The Enemy That Never Was*, written by Ken Adachi in 1976. I'd like to share an interesting chapter, *Becoming a Foreigner*; he describes that many of the immigrant Japanese were dominantly Jodo Shinshu Buddhist and had to integrate into a country in which the religion was dominantly Christianity. He reveals that prior to the political upheaval and social unrest created by the bombing of Pearl Harbour in Hawaii on December 7, 1941, "Christian Japanese liked to claim that Christianity was a liberating factor facilitating their adjustment to Canadian life. As it (Christianity) was looked upon as an integral part of Western civilization, many Japanese underwent conversion so that they might identify themselves more closely with white society and then claimed they were more Canadianized and progressive than the Buddhists." The Japanese were the object of considerable proselytising by Christian missionaries.

There were those who deeply felt the action of converting into Christianity despite the fact that they were Buddhists. And, there were those who did become Christians despite their family religion.

My father, Yuichi, who was the head instructor of the Steveston Kendo Club, received strong messages from members of the community and some members of the Kendo Club to convert to Christianity. He did not succumb to their efforts. As a key figure in the community, he felt doing so would create a further rift between the Christians and Buddhists in Steveston. Terry Watada, who wrote about the history of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism in Canada in his text, *Bukkyo Tozen*, quoted a Jodo Shinshu follower, "I objected to such a proposal in erecting the Steveston Buddhist temple and in spreading this religion in this community might create unnecessary suspicion and fear among the white Canadians." He further wrote that at an oratorical contest among young Buddhists in Steveston "... the ones outside the windows were shouting catcalls at the speakers and the young ones were using extremely crude language in their shouting and ...the voices became more fierce."

With the onset of World War II, the temples' doors were padlocked. The temples affected in the restricted area, 160 kilometres from the coastline, were Royston on Vancouver Island, Skeena in Prince Rupert and Honpa, Kitsilano and Fairview temples in Vancouver. Others were the New Westminster, Steveston, Mission and Haney Hammond temples.

Despite the climate of unrest and forced relocation, many Japanese continued to maintain their allegiance to

Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. And, the ministers, who were equally affected, provided their spirituality: Rev. Sokan Asaka from Royston to New Denver, Rev. Toshio Katatsu from Steveston to Lemon Creek, Rev. Kenryu Tsuji - as a new minister to Sandon and Bay Farm, Rev. Ryuchi Hirahara from Fairview to Slocan, Rev. Renshin Tachibana from Fairview to Tashme, and Rev. Shinjo Ikuta from New Westminster to Raymond and Rev. Yutetsu Kawamura from Haney Hammond to Picture Butte, Alberta.

Rev. Eon Mitsubayashi, minister of the Honpa temple in Vancouver, was separated from his wife and son, and detained to Petawawa, Quebec and eventually to Angler, Ontario. After 4 years of confinement, he was released and served the Coaldale temple in Southern Alberta. He was eventually deported to Japan for being a former army reserve officer.

From their temporary settlements in the Kootenays, many families relocated to Raymond and Picture Butte in Southern Alberta and Manitoba where they re-established their Jodo Shinshu faith. Many went further eastwards and resettled in Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal. The indomitable spirit of the followers of Jodo Shinshu were exemplified by stories that appeared in the newspapers.

In the Vancouver Sun, September 24, 2005, Mrs. Miyoko Nose of the Vancouver Buddhist was quoted, "We were devastated. They made us leave our home with just a canvas pack, but we didn't leave our Buddhist shrine at home. We took it with us." The Sun further stated, "For about a decade most Japanese worshipped in private. Mrs. Nose and her family were sent to internment camps in Slocan City and Lemon Creek ... and worshipped discreetly in their home before a makeshift shrine. She did not step foot in a temple again until 1951."

In the Toronto Star, August 20, 2005, on the opening of the new Toronto temple, there was the headline: "The Buddhist church rejoices; parishioners succeed in preserving their heritage while integrating into Canadian society." The article continued "Teruji Goto beams as he strolls through the newly minted Toronto Buddhist Church at Sheppard Ave. and Allen Road. Having been forcibly dispersed into the hinterlands of Canada, the Japanese Buddhists stuck with their conviction that their beliefs and traditions must be kept alive. The church survived in Canada, says Goto, 78, who was born and raised near the Fraser River in B.C. It was started by a group of faithful people and it's growing. It's just amazing."

These two stories, I am sure, could be corroborated by many others. Indeed, as a result of World War II, Jodo Shinshu Buddhism has spread throughout Canada and has made its mark in the communities. At home, the Steveston temple is an exemplary situation wherein "to belong to the temple is a matter of pride."

Indeed, things have changed since pre-World War II when being Canadian was being a Christian.

Gomonshu Koshin Ohtani, Emeritus, the former spiritual leader of the world's Jodo Shinshu followers, was quoted in the August 25, 2005 Toronto Star, "I find it quite amazing that Buddhism has spread so quickly in the West. The growing appeal of the faith's philosophy of dependent origination - the doctrine that everything is dependent on something else." People realise in this society that things happen as a result of a multitude of causes and conditions. People are turning to Buddhism because they realise that it matches the ideals the West is producing now."

In Gassho, Roy Akune

Photos on P5



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念仏の道

9月17日と18日の週末に、BC浄土真宗門信徒連盟大会が当仏教会で開催されました。大会が開催されたのは3年ぶりのことでした。大会テーマは「道」であり講師は私の兄、生田ローランド先生をお招



きいたしました。彼は8月にカリフォルニア州バークレーの浄土真宗センターで教師修礼を終えたばかりでした。今大会は兄が教師の資格を取ってから初めての講演で二日続いて御講演をしてくれました。兄がここに来てくれたのはとてもうれしかったのですが、父以外に別の生田が私と一緒に内陣にいるのは少し奇妙でした。土曜日と日曜日の礼拝では、お内陣に阿久根兄弟2名と生田兄弟2名がそろっていました。土曜日の朝、ローランド先生は「念仏の道」について深く語りました。この講演は、浄土仏教の伝統について語り、浄土真宗の七高僧の教えに触れ、そして親鸞聖人の生涯の道を語り、最後に兄自身の個人的な道を共有して締めくくりました。講演後、大会参加者は2つのワークショップに分かれ、約半数のグループが青木聡長率いる「仏教書道の道」を体験して、残りの半数はロイ・阿久根先生の「仏教フラワーアレンジメントの道」について学びました。ワークショップの後にウィステリアプレイスのバンテックグループで、婦人会が作ってくださった昼食をいただきました。新しい施設は、古い体育館よりかなりアップグレードでした。午後からは大会テーマの「道」をローカルな角度から取り組み、「日系漁師の道」をテーマに向井トムさんの案内により、ステイブストン村ウォーキングツアーが行われました。ツアーに参加した皆様は、このような小さな地域に存在する日系カナダ人文化に関する史跡の数に驚き、感銘を受けていました。土曜日の夜の宴会の講師、ロイ・阿久根先生は戦時中に浄土真宗信者が直面した困難について話されました。彼はまた、そのような否定的な経験から生まれた、いくつかの肯定的な結果があったということにも触れられました。彼自身の父親が南アルバータ州への強制移動による浄土真宗のお寺で剣道の先生をすることになりました。そして、その出会いによって浄土真宗の敬虔な信者になった経緯を述べられました。おそらく、このような出会いは、強制的な移転なしには起こらなかったとロイ先生は話されました。大会の週末は日曜日に連盟の年次総会と追悼法要で結びました。法要の法話で兄は「念仏の道は阿弥陀仏のはたらきに導いて下さり、深い感謝の道にたどり着かせてくれる」と話されて、大会を素晴らしいメッセージで締めくくられました。

参加者の総数は比較的小なかったのですが、パンデミックから抜け出して最初のBCJSBTF大会としては有意義な週末でした。これは、多くのボランティアの方々のおかげで出来たことです。皆様ありがとうございました。参加された先生方、そして大会に参加された皆様にもお礼を申し上げます。合掌、生田グラント

婦人会からのお知らせ

吉原ヒロコ

10月から1月末まで生田ジュンさんがリーダーの当番3が婦人会の仕事を担当します。

9月25日(日)に半年ごとの定例のミーティングを行います。議題の一つは当番の人数を増やすことです。若い婦人会会員が参加して下さいとありがたいです。

9月24日(土)にまたガレージセールをして沢山たまった品物を減らさないといけません。お天気もよさそうですので、少し資金も入り、倉庫と台所のスペースも出来る事でしょう。お寺の近所に住んでいる方達やいつものヘルパーの方達のご支援を感謝いたします。

祥月法要の時に売るお饅頭を作る予定です

敬弔

次の方がご逝去されましたので、生前のご苦勞を偲び、謹んで敬弔の意を表します。

小柳	ヨシコ様	2022年	8月	1日	寂	90歳
塩崎	シンジ様	2022年	8月	23日	寂	93歳
塩崎	マサコ様	2022年	8月	29日	寂	94歳
山本	カヨ子様	2022年	9月	10日	寂	93歳

萌の会

郷 恵子

9月22日の萌の会は夏休み終わっての最初の集まりになりました。ジュエスチャータッチで笑ったり、『幸せな手をとって』の歌を歌いながらの体操はちよっとならした脳の刺激になったでしょうか。次回は10月20日(木)午前10時に集まります。是非また愉快にお茶を飲みながら時間を過ごせたらと願っています。次回には秋の因んだ企画を考えています。是非お友達をお誘いの上いらして下さい。お待ちしております。



Photos from Article on P4 - Temples and WWII





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